(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check its sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Delhi Administration has taken necessary action to curb the misuse of spirituous preparations by amending the Delhi Intoxicating Spirituous preparations Import, Export, Transport, Possession and Sale Rules, 1952. Under these rules effective from 17.3.87, it is necessary for every person desiring to sell the Mritsanjivani Sura and other Ayurvedic preparations containing more than 20 Degree proof alcohol (11.4% v/v) to sell such preparations on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner and to keep the account of sale and purcuase. Some of the manufacturers have moved the Delhi High Court against these rules and obtained a stay order from the Court. Delhi Administration is pursuing the case for the vacation of stay order granted by the court.

Operation Theatre deaths in Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain Hospital, New Delhi

*109. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Operation Theatre deaths took place recently in Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narain Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, monthwise, during the period since January, 1989; and

(c) whether the rise in Operation Theatre deaths was due to administration of spurious or unscheduled drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) One death occurred while the patient was being operated for hernia on 8.3.1989.

(c) No, Sir.

Autonomous organisation for defence exports

*110. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal to set up an autonomous organisation for defence exports; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, by when a decision would be taken in this regard;

(c) whether any decision to enter into joint ventures for defence exports to third countries has been taken; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any detailed export plan is being formulated for the public sector units and the ordnance factories; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Government have not yet decided on the constitution of the autonomous organisaion for defence exports.

(b) It is not possible to indicate any time for this as various aspects have to be considered.

(c) Decision to enter into joint ventures for defence exports to third countries will be taken on the merits of each case. No joint venture project has been entered into till now.

(d) Government have not formulated any export plan for the export of defence stores for either ordnance factories or Defence Public Sector Undertakings. But they have been internally fixing targets and undertaking exports.